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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN ECUADOR

1. THIS TELEGRAM TRANSMITS A STATEMENT OF U.S. FOREIGN
POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN ECUADOR. A SEPARATE
MESSAGE WILL PROVIDE EXPLANATORY INFORMATION ON THE
PURPOSE, IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW OF THESE STATEMENTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT. AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES --
ECUADOR.

I. RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT.

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-- TAKE THOSE STEPS BEST CALCULATED TO INSURE THAT THE
PROCESS MOVES AHEAD.

-- CONSIDER WAYS IN WHICH THE U.S. CAN BEST COOPERATE WITH
A FUTURE CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT TO INSURE ITS SUCCESS.

II. ENCOURAGEMENT OF MOVES TO REDUCE SUBREGIONAL TENSIONS.

-- ENCOURAGE THE ADOPTION OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT POLICIES BY THE ANDEAN COUNTRIES.

-- EXPRESS CONTINUED INTEREST IN GOE DISCUSSIONS WITH PERU OVER ACCESS TO THE AMAZON.

III. GOE SUPPORT FOR U.S. POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC, POLITICAL ISSUES.

-- ENCOURAGE ECUADOR TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE ONGOING DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING WORLD, BASED ON ITS OWN INTERESTS RATHER THAN THE CONCEPT OF LATIN AMERICAN, THIRD WORLD OR G-77 SOLIDARITY.

-- ENCOURAGE ECUADOR TO PLAY A HELPFUL ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SUPPORTIVE OF U.S. POSITIONS ON MULTILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ISSUES.

-- RECOMMEND STEPS TO SUPPORT THIS OBJECTIVE, TO PROVIDE THE LEVERAGE NEEDED TO MOVE THE GOE TOWARDS OUR POSITION ON THOSE ISSUES OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO US.

IV. IMPROVED HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.

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--ENCOURAGE THE GOE TO RATIFY THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

-- SEEK GOE ADVICE ON WAYS TO MULTILATERALIZE THE EFFORT, AND ATTEMPT TO ENLIST ACTIVE GOE SUPPORT IN THAT EFFORT.

-- ENCOURAGE THE GOE TO WORK WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WITH GOOD HUMAN RIGHTS RECORDS TO PUSH FOR IMPROVEMENT BY OTHER, LESS PROGRESSIVE COUNTRIES.

V. IMPROVED GOE DRUG-TRAFFIC-CONTROL EFFORT.

-- INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE, OR AT LEAST DIMINISH, THE PERVASIVE CORRUPTION THAT HAMPERS GOE EFFORTS.

-- IMPROVE COORDINATION OF USG DRUG-TRAFFIC-CONTROL EFFORTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

-- ENCOURAGE GREATER COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOE AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN AN EFFORT TO STOP TRAFFIC THROUGH ECUADOR.

-- ENSURE THAT THE GOE IS CONTINUOUSLY AWARE OF THE DEGREE
OF IMPORTANCE THE USG PLACES ON CONTROLLING DRUG TRAFFIC.

VI. PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

-- IF PROGRESS IN THE RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL RULE
PERMITS, RENEW A PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN
ECUADOR.

-- ENSURE THAT ANY RENEWED PROGRAM IS RATIONAL IN LIGHT
OF ECUADOR'S NEEDS AND OUR DESIRED DEGREE OF INVOLVEMENT
IN MEETING THOSE NEEDS.

VII. ASSISTANCE TO U.S. FIRMS IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOE.

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-- USE INFLUENCE WITH TOP GOE OFFICIALS SHOULD THE GULF
AUDIT CONTRACT HIT A SNAG AND ON BEHALF OF TEXACO IN ITS
EFFORTS TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A NEW INVESTMENT PROGRAM.
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